

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows, this listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) A foam-filled hollow body, comprising:
a wall having an opening formed therein;
a reinforcing part having a hole formed therein and disposed with said hole overlapping said opening of said wall;
a destructible layer disposed between said wall and said reinforcing part, said destructible layer covering said wall opening and said reinforcing part hole;
said wall and said reinforcing part being connected to each other by a clinch ~~mechanical~~ connection made without substantial heating of at least one of said wall and of said reinforcing part, which might damage said destructible layer, and a distance of said connection from said opening being sufficient that said destructible layer is secured against any substantial offsetting to uncover said wall opening or said reinforcing part hole and that an uncovering of said opening covered by said destructible layer by contact of said destructible layer with said connection is excluded.

7. (Original) The hollow body according to claim 6, wherein said connection extends through said destructible layer.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The hollow body according to claim 6, wherein the hollow body is a housing of a refrigerating appliance.

10. (Original) The hollow body according to claim 9, wherein said opening is disposed on a front side of said housing and is provided for mounting a hinge.

11. (Currently amended) The hollow body according to claim 6, wherein the clinch mechanical connection does not overlap ~~is formed outside of~~ said wall opening.

12. (Currently amended) The hollow body according to claim 6, wherein the clinch mechanical connection does not pierce through said destructible layer where said destructible layer covers said wall opening.

13. (Currently amended) A foam-filled hollow body, comprising:
a wall having an opening formed therein;
a reinforcing part for mounting a door, the reinforcing part having a hole formed therein and overlapping said opening of said wall;
a destructible layer disposed between and directly contacting said wall and said reinforcing part, said destructible layer covering said wall opening and said reinforcing part hole;
and
a mechanical connection formed in said wall, which does not overlap with outside of said wall opening and connecting said wall and said reinforcing part to each other, wherein the mechanical connection is made without substantial heating of at least one of said wall and of said reinforcing part.

14. (Previously presented) The hollow body according to claim 13, wherein the mechanical connection distorts said wall and said reinforcing part.

15. (New) The hollow body according to claim 13, wherein the mechanical connection is a clinch connection.

16. (New) A refrigerating appliance, comprising:

a housing having a wall, said wall having an opening formed therein;

a reinforcing part having a hole formed therein and overlapping said opening of said wall;

a destructible layer disposed between said wall and said reinforcing part, said destructible layer covering said wall opening and said reinforcing part hole;

a clinch connection formed in said wall outside of said wall opening and connecting said wall and said reinforcing part to each other, wherein said clinch connection is made without substantial heating of at least one of said wall and of said reinforcing part;

a hinge attached to said reinforcing part; and

a door attached to said hinge.

17. (New) The refrigerating appliance of claim 16, wherein said destructible layer directly contacts said wall and said reinforcing part.